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SUBJ: SEVENTH UNGA SPECIAL SESSION

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1. FRG PERMREP WECHMAR INFORMED AMB BENNETT THAT HE IS RECOMMENDING THAT BONN REVIEW ITS POSITION ON THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (CERDS). WITH VIEW TO MOVING OFF ITS NEGATIVE NOTE TO AN ABSTENTION.

2. AS DEPT IS AWARE, CERDS WILL BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE 30TH UNGA. IT IS ALSO ONE OF THREE INTERLINKED, "UMBRELLA" ECONOMIC DOCUMENTS WHICH COME UP IN ALL MEETINGS OF UN ECONOMIC FORA. THE OTHER TWO ARE THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE AND THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION'S DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION (NIEO). CLEARLY, ALL THREE DOCUMENTS WILL FORM BACKGROUND FOR SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

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3. IN USUN'S VIEW, WE MUST BE CAREFUL THAT WE DO NOT

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GIVE THE IMPRESSION TO FRG THAT THE EFFORTS OF THE DEPT'S
SPECIAL WORKING GROUP TO PREPARE FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL
SESSION ARE BASED ON A HYPOTHESIS THAT THE USG MUST TAKE
A MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NIEO
OR CERDS. TO DO SO WOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE THE
FRG, OUR STAUNCHEST ALLY IN UN ECONOMIC FORA, TO MOVE
OFF THEIR PRESENT POSITION WHICH IS FOR ALL PRACTICAL
PURPOSES IN COMPLETE HARMONY WITH THE USG. IF THE FRG
WERE TO MOVE FROM A NEGATIVE TO AN ABSTENTION VOTE ON
CERDS, MOTIVATED BY THE FALSE IMPRESSION THAT WE WERE
ABOUT TO DO THE SAME THING, THE REMAINING FOUR GOVERN-
MENTS (BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, UK, DENMARK) WHICH CAST
NEGATIVE VOTES WOULD SURELY DO THE SAME AND THOSE GOVERNMENTS
WHICH ABSTAINED ON THE RES, SUCH AS ISRAEL AND JAPAN, MIGHT WELL
FEEL COMPELLED TO MOVE IN THE "YES" COLUMN. SINCE CERDS AND
THE NIEO ARE INTIMATELY LINKED IN SUBSTANCE AND PHILOSOPHY,
ANY CHANGE OF POSITION BY A MAJOR DEVELOPED NATION ON
CERDS WOULD IMPLY CHANGE ON NIEO.

4. USUN STRONGLY RECOMMENDS, THEREFORE, THAT THE DEPT
AND EMBASSY BONN SPELL OUT IN CLEAREST TERMS TO FRG THE
INTENT AND PROBABLE OUTCOME OF THE USG PREPARATIONS FOR THE
SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, I.E., THAT IT DOES NOT INCLUDE
ANY CHANGE OF SUBSTANCE IN USG POSITION RE CERDS AND NIEO.
WE SHOULD ALSO URGE THE FRG TO MAINTAIN THEIR LINE ON THESE
TWO DOCUMENTS.
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